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Future highway might impact industrial lands

Council asks Region to step in

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie council is in favour of a proposed south Niagara highway but not at the expense of shovel-ready industrial land in Stevensville.

The province is considering an east-corridor highway that would connect Niagara to Toronto, with links to Highway 406 and Fort Erie. The preferred route would run along Netherby Road, connecting the Queen Elizabeth Way to Highway 140.

Although he is supportive of the proposed highway, Mayor Wayne Redekop is concerned it will go "through Stevensville and take up a part of (the town's) industrial park on Eagle Street.

"It could take out industrial land that is shovel-ready and it could prevent us from expanding our industrial land north," he said.

According to a staff report, the proposed highway significantly impacts the only large vacant industrial property ready to be developed in Stevensville.

The province needs to conduct more studies before the project can move forward but the "real predicament" is that it can "just sit there," said Redekop.

The province hasn't committed to conducting further studies to see the project come to fruition, he added.

"That makes it difficult for individuals or businesses planning on expanding into the area to make that investment."

He said further studies would "help narrow down the corridor route."

As Town staff began developing the Stevensville Secondary Plan, Redekop said the proposed highway's path "came into sharp focus.

"We set up a meeting with regional staff about a month ago to discuss it," Redekop said.

"(The Region) seems to be supportive. The Region is thrust for economic prosperity and taking advantage of industrial lands."

During a council-in-committee meeting Monday, council made a formal request to the Region to shift the highway north away from Stevensville's industrial lands.

"Region staff will push this forward and evoke a response from the province. The reality is the corridor is so wide that there is ample opportunity to be shifted away from the Town's industrial land," Redekop said.

The proposal for an east-corridor highway has been batted around for at least 15 years by current and previous governments, and has "started and stopped and moved forward," Redekop said.

It would be beneficial for Niagara because it would alleviate traffic congestion along the QEW, he added.

He said he hopes the province will agree to shift the proposed highway north in Stevensville so it doesn't remove opportunities for industrial growth.

"One would think the province is also interested in job creation. One would think this would be an easy request," Redekop said.

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Keen kids, kooky hats

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Ridgeway Public School's Evan Clark wore a Super Mario inspired hat Friday during Crazy Hat Day. For more photos see page 34.

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Mayors put emphasis on teamwork

Sarah Ferguson
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Niagara's municipalities must work together in order to achieve success.

"This is an exciting time for Niagara because never before has there been such potential for our future," Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop said last Thursday during the Southern Tier Mayors' Luncheon at the Fort Erie Leisureplex Banquet Hall.

"The local municipalities understand that the success of any one of us is really dependent on the success of all of the other municipalities," he added.

Redekop, along with Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn, Welland Mayor Frank Campion, Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati, Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs and Port Colborne Mayor John Maloney came together to highlight important projects in their respective communities that will have a significant economic impact on Niagara in its entirety.

The event was hosted by Welland-Pelham, Port Colborne-Wainfleet, Greater Fort Erie and Niagara Falls chambers of commerce.

Redekop noted three "potential game changing developments" in the works for Fort Erie "that should be of interest to all residents in Niagara." These projects include the development of the Canadian Motor Speedway, the revitalization of Miller's Creek Marina and the redevelopment of the Fort Erie Race Track.

Augustyn said the east Fonthill development plan proposed for Pelham will see 450 acres of land developed for commercial and residential use. The development calls for a 135-unit seniors complex, along with a 30,000 square foot medical centre with room for five to 10 family physicians and a pharmacy.

The Town of Pelham is also working with the community to develop a community centre.

"The potential there is for a single pad to replace our existing and aging single pad but expandable to a double pad, a gymnasium, a fitness facility, walking track, multipurpose space for all types of cultural and recreational facilities."

Campion said the City of Welland passed the Gateway Economic Centre Community Improvement Plan last March. The plan was developed in conjunction with the Niagara Region, and south Niagara municipalities including Welland, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Thorold and Niagara Falls.

The program is "a key mover" that allows municipalities to offer financial incentives and leadership to attract new investment and development of employment lands within the city.

Diodati said he is focused on bringing the GO train to Niagara and enhancing tourism in the region.

"The GO Train will be the economic silver bullet for the Niagara Region. It will have more impact than anything else we can do," Diodati said.

The key to enhancing tourism is to highlight the region's main attraction, according to the Niagara Falls mayor.

"You lead with the falls. You lead with your number one brand, your number one product and you follow with all of the reasons to stay in Niagara."

By encouraging tourism in Niagara Falls, Diodati said tourists will want to stay in Niagara longer to explore its wineries, vineyards, its racetrack, beaches and more.

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From left, Port Colborne Mayor John Maloney, Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop, Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati, Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs, Welland Mayor Frank Campion and Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn spoke about the future of Niagara during the Southern Tier Mayors' Luncheon last Thursday at the Fort Erie Leisureplex Banquet Hall in Fort Erie.

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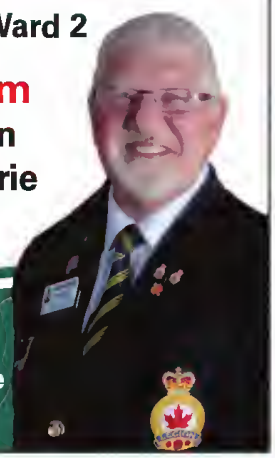

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Port Colborne mayor: 'Now is the time to build'

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"There are so many incredible reasons why when you come to Niagara Falls, you will want to reach out to the rest of the region and stay longer."

"I am a big supporter of small business," Jeffs said.

"And that (small business) is where Wainfleet fits into the big picture of economic development at the Region. We are a little spoke in the big wheel but we are still a spoke."

Wainfleet has a variety of industrial and commercial businesses, Jeffs said.

"Small to medium enterprises drive the Canadian economy and comprise almost 50% of the regional economy. Business attraction is a huge component of our prosperity plan."

Jeffs said the leaders of Niagara need to focus on being a resource and a strong support system for local business.

"From the lady who makes soaps in her basement, employing two close friends, to the granite countertop manufacturer employing 25 individuals who is on the cusp of expanding to 50 or more employees, how do we help them?" Jeffs asked.

"We create a prosperous environment, we let them know we are here, we are listening and we're willing to help. We will work to foster thriving region."

Port Colborne has "seen a number of substantial industrial developments over the last 18 months" as well as commercial investment which includes the construction of a new medical centre Maloney said.

"Instrumental in these investments, are the forward thinking policies pursued by city council and city staff."

Port Colborne offers financial incentives to builders through the City's Community Improvement Plans and has also waived industrial, commercial and residential development fees for the next two year.

"Now is the time to build," Maloney said.

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Regional councillors vote for 2.93% raise

Rob Houle
QMI Agency Niagara

It's official, Niagara Region politicians are getting a 2.93% raise retroactive to December.

Councillors voted 17-11 during Thursday night's regional council meeting in Thorold to a raise that will see them earn $29,184 for the 12-month period beginning December 2014, up from $28,353. Niagara regional Chair Alan Caslin will see his pay raised to $120,768 from $117,330. A third of the salaries are tax free.

For St. Catharines regional Coun. Andy Petrowski, it was a question of fairness.

"The fact is, regional councillors are being paid 25% less than their counterparts," Petrowski said. "Now I've always said we probably can't afford paying automatically as well as the rest of Ontario, but I don't think 2.93% against 25% puts us anywhere close to a situation where we need to put under a microscope whether our councillors are being compensated fairly. And this is all about fairness, and I believe it's fair in order to continue to attract people who want to enter public service, and there's a lot of challenges around that. You could say we do it because we want to serve the public, fine, but there are a lot of us, including myself, who are self-employed or work in the private sector who make financial sacrifices."

St. Catharines regional Coun. Kelly Edgar said it was not fair for councillors to take such a pay hike when asking others to take less.

"When we're asking people to pull in their horns and to take less ... I think it's only appropriate that we take less as well," Edgar said. "As far as serving the community, I'm just happy to be here."

Referencing a chart provided by the Region's head of human resources showing comparable with other municipalities, Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn said Niagara regional councillors are not paid 25% less than their provincial peers.

"We're on par, we're not 25% less, maybe if you include the entire comparative group, but those that are part-time councillors ... we're pretty much on par," Augustyn said.

The salary hikes are based on a methodology established by a council remuneration citizens review committee that was approved in 2004. The methodology bases councillor and chair pay increases on the 12-month average core consumer price index and the Conference Board of Canada's annual policy line change for non-unionized employees for Ontario.

Augustyn re-introduced an amendment first presented at the corporate services committee by Grimsby regional Coun. Tony Quirk to set raises to the percentage given to the Region's non-union workers, which this year would be 2%.

Welland Mayor Frank Campion said he was supportive of the amendment because it would take the decision out of councillors' hands.

"I find it extremely offensive, almost vulgar, to be voting on your own salary," Campion said. "I find it very, very difficult. It's something we shouldn't do and I believe the public would find it quite offensive. We have to take that out of our hands."

Grimsby Mayor Bob Bentley said the reason the citizens' committee was formed was

to remove councillors from the equation when it comes to setting raises.

"I'm one of those fellas who's been here for a long, long time," Bentley said. "I remember why that committee was struck, it was so we didn't have to make a decision on our own. I don't like changing rules as we go along because of the flavour of the day."

St. Catharines regional Coun. Bruce Timms said councillors should follow established policy and not use the issue of raises as "a political football."

Augustyn's amendment was voted down and councillors voted 17-11 in favour of the 2.93% raise.

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Do You Remember?

As we received no calls about last week's photo of the committee with the one name 'Maisie Brown' written on the back, it will go back into the unidentified people binders here at the Fort Erie Historical Museum.

It is never too late to call in about a photo as we always like to know any information about them for the permanent collection.

Calling all firefighters!

Do you recognize this future firefighter who appears to be getting in shape for the job?

If so, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca.

letters to the editor

Antenna doesn't belong in Crescent Park

Dear Editor,

This is an open letter to Niagara Region councillors.

In January, some Crescent Park residents received a letter indicating that an Antenna Facility is proposed to be erected at "0" Crescent Road for the purposes of emergency communication infrastructure for the Niagara Regional Police Service.

As background, there is currently an elevated water tank on the proposed site of this new 61 metre tower.

It is our understanding that the water tank has become redundant and is slated for demolition soon.

As a result, there is a need for a structure capable of supporting the aforementioned communications infrastructure.

We want to make it very clear that we fully support the work of our emergency service personnel and their need for the necessary communications infrastructure required to safely and effectively carry out their required duties.

We also want to make it equally clear that we do not want our position to be viewed as "NIMBYism". The infrastructure needs to go somewhere in order to serve the entire community. We get that.

Our basic concern with the erection of this new 61 metre tower in our residential neighbourhood is simple.

We believe it is a significant departure in both use and aesthetics from the current, albeit now defunct, elevated water tank.

Yes, the water tank is big and hard to miss. We have accepted this in the past as part of the neighbourhood's infrastructure in order to provide us with adequate water supply and pressure.

The proposed tower however has a significantly different use and very different aesthetics than an elevated water tank.

The visuals of such a tall metal tower are akin to a cell phone tower and with that come significant concerns, real or perceived, with current residents and future potential buyers of residential real estate in the area.

It is our contention that the demolition and permanent removal of the water tank and conversion of the existing lot into a residential lot(s) would serve the values of the entire neighbourhood in a much more positive manner than would the erection of a 61 metre steel structure that quite frankly looks like either an ugly cell phone tower or an oil drilling rig.

The Town of Fort Erie has endured significant negative economic impacts in the last several years and this has affected many of our community's families financially.

Anything that we can do to stem the tide of those negative economic impacts and cast the Town in a more positive and inviting light to those who may be considering calling this their home is not only socially responsible, it is good business.

Retention and even improvement of the current resale and assessed values of the homes in this neighbourhood serve the entire Town of Fort Erie through higher tax revenues.

Thank you to our Ward Councillor Kimberly Zanko for her hard work on our behalf to date.

We are asking regional councillors to direct the NRPS to continue to search for a more suitable site for this tower.

Josephine and Larry Lomascolo
Fort Erie

Measles belong in the past

Dear Editor,

When I was a kid measles was rampant in Canada and an accepted part of growing up.

The red rash, white spots in the mouth, fever, cough and red eyes were common among our country's children.

It caused 50-75 deaths every year, 5,000 hospital admissions and 400 cases of encephalitis, leading to brain damage and hearing loss for many children.

Things changed when the vaccine was introduced.

In Canada, the number of measles cases dropped by more than 99% and in the last 15 years we have seen only five deaths from measles—all in adults.

The vaccine has been so effective we have forgotten about measles and are becoming complacent. Outbreaks like the ones we are seeing in Canada and the United States should not happen. Measles is one of the most contagious viruses on the planet, and it is infecting those who are under-immunized or not immunized.

More than 50 years of evidence makes it clear the chances of complications or death from measles far outweigh potential side-effects of the vaccine. As Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, I urge all Canadians to ensure that they and their families are protected from measles by being vaccinated if medically possible.

Dr. Gregory Taylor
Canada Chief Public Health Officer, Ottawa.

opinion page

Yoga benefits the mind, body and soul

Amy Roebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

On Wednesday, March 11, Amanda Bouchard of On the Mat Yoga Studio will be at the Centennial branch of the Fort Erie Public Library beginning at 7 p.m. to demonstrate and discuss the benefits of yoga for mind, body and soul, and for every body, too.

Bouchard will demonstrate a number of poses to illustrate how many modifications and personalizations can be done.

These variations will be shown and discussed for every pose, and the difficulty can be adjusted on an individual basis.

Every pose can be as beginner friendly or as difficult as the individual requires.

Participants are welcome to join in, or sit back and observe, depending on their comfort level. Bouchard will provide all of the equipment necessary.

Bouchard came to the routine of yoga accidentally, using yoga DVDs for both the fitness and calming aspects of this practice while her daughter was a newborn. She has been a certified yoga trainer for years.

The library collection includes many books and DVDs on the practice of yoga, with new selections being added regularly.

Yoga: your home practice companion was prepared by the Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centre.

Rebeca Rissman's series is on order. Each book in this collection stresses one of the four major benefits of practicing yoga, including: Fit Girl: yoga for fitness and flexibility; Strong Girl: yoga for building strength; Calm Girl: yoga for stress relief, and Smart Girl: yoga for brain power.

Two recent and ongoing film series will be screened at the Centennial branch of the library over the weeks ahead.

Each is based on a best-selling book, and each draws the viewer into a fully-formed world of adventure.

The Hobbit: an unexpected journey will be shown this Saturday, with Desolation of Smaug and Battle of Five Armies playing on the following two Saturdays, all beginning at 1 p.m. The first three movies in the Hunger Games trilogy will be shown on March 16, 17 and 19.

Hunger Games will be screened on Monday of March Break, beginning at 6 p.m.; Catching Fire on March 17, also at 6 p.m., and Mockingjay, part I will play on Thursday, March 19, starting at 6:30 p.m.

All of the books on which these movies are based may be borrowed from the library.

Call or use the website www.fepl.ca to place a hold on the item you would like. The Hunger Games series is by Suzanne Collins, and The Hobbit and all of the Lord of the Rings books are by J. R. R. Tolkien. Happy watching; happy reading!

Yoga instructor Amanda Bouchard.

Amy Roebuck is the Community Services Coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

Fort Erie isn't a 'dreary' place to live

Annie Pasquariello
Special to The Times

Having been born and raised in Fort Erie, I have always thought of our little town much the same way I may feel about a family member.

I can say whatever I want about it, but take offense to outsiders who have something to say about it.

I always come to Fort Erie's defense when a friend and sometimes even strangers have a negative comment about the place we call home.

Person: Oh, you're from Fort Erie? Fort Dreary eh? (we've never heard that one before) What's going on there?

Me: What do you mean? Fort Erie is a quaint little town that is a great place to raise kids. We have a beautiful waterfront, amazing beaches, are five minutes away from the U.S., 20 minutes away from a natural wonder and only two hours away from Toronto.

Not so dreary, is it?

I'll admit it, I am one of the first people to complain about Fort Erie and some of it is probably not even warranted complaints.

There are many things I do enjoy about living here and like any place you live, things I dislike.

I love that for some reason, many of us share the same sense of humour and we all seem to be very passionate and become heated when it comes to voicing our opinions.

There is a Facebook group meant to highlight and showcase positive aspects about Fort Erie, whether it is past or present, but seems to be a group where people complain and argue.

I think I could post a picture of puppies and someone would have something to say about it, a thread of a 1,000 comments would ensue and at some point a personal attack would be made about me or another commenter.

I get it, it's easy to say and post whatever you want on Facebook, but calling someone a name does not make your point any more valid or important.

Swearing on a social media site does not make you seem more passionate, it just comes across as angry and childish.

Just because someone disagrees with you, does not make them wrong either.

It seems like no one can have a conversation or a debate without it turning nasty on this group.

I say nasty because there really is no other word that comes to mind when I think of some of the things I have read on that group.

Insulting someone's private life has no business in a group meant to show some Fort Erie pride.

I'd also like to know how people have so much time to argue on Facebook?

I get tired just reading some of the comments.

Instead of complaining about Fort Erie or looking for something to complain about, how about the Facebook group is used for what it was intended for ––positive things happening around town.

Negative energy is not good for anyone or any town. I understand it is hard to put differences aside, and I do not expect people to hold hands and sing Cum-bah-ya, but I just wish people would relax a little bit on social media.

Instead of ending this on a negative note, here are a few of my own Fort Erie favourites:

Beaches, The French Fry truck (a food truck before it was cool), friendly people, the Friendship Trail, the word swamper (truly no one else uses this word) and loganberry. Doesn't get much better than that.

Annie Pasquariello is a Fort Erie resident and freelance reporter for the Fort Erie Times.

From the gardener's journal: Spring is on the way

Ruth Vold Markle
Special to The Times

We have experienced one of the coldest months of winter and we have lived to talk about it.

Not often in this region do we see this much snow or battle such a long cold spell.

With the advent of a new month, we are looking forward to a change and spring's official arrival.

The greenhouse brought opportunity to begin the plantings for the spring sale.

So much fun to work with students and see in two years a great development of skills.

It is wonderful to walk in and be instantly awed by blooms and the scent of fresh warm earth. It is such a contrast of environments. I do believe there is an internal clock in the plants as even in a short few days there is a lots of growth.

Soon I will be creating more cuttings and arrangements, just to keep ahead of the speedy growth.

I am working with some wonderfully creative students. I am looking forward to the finished products.

I think Mickey and Minnie must have gone to visit Disneyland for this month because there has been no evidence of them or their family. I have a feeling they will be back, however. Their absence gives us a little time to recover and the plants some living time.

There is an ongoing struggle with growing it would seem.

Whether it is to ward off predators or just to help tender plants and seeds get started, to keep life growing steadily requires work and consistent effort.

Thinking about some of the places we have visited with our family and on our own, certainly the lesson of history has been that the good growth comes with lots of effort.

Preparing this week's recipe reminded me of this as I first encountered the recipes in this cookbook, "From the Hearth" by Hope Dunton at Fort Louisburg in Nova Scotia on a journey there with our young children.

The experience of the Fort and the representation of life modelled on 18th century living was a wonderful history lesson for all of us.

I realized then and am reminded now, how very dependent we are on the work we do for survival and thriving in life.

And on each other. I recall how very important fresh produce was for the inhabitants of the Fort, especially vegetables.

In fact, vegetables were served at the end of the meal and as a separate dish, they were so precious.

So here is my favorite chicken recipe. I hope you enjoy it.

Chicken Fricassee (for 8)

- 2 chickens, cut up
- 4 tablespoon bacon or half butter, half oil
- 2 cups chicken bouillon salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh mushrooms
- Herb Bouquet
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley
- 1 sprig thyme(1/2 teaspoon dried)
- 1 bay leaf crushed
- 1 teaspoon dried tarragon
- Instead of above bouquet use 1/2 cup fresh parsley minced.

Fry chicken in bacon drippings, remove and keep warm.

To the pan in which the chicken was fried, add the bouillon, the herb bouquet, salt and pepper to taste.

Bring to a boil and simmer briskly until the liquid reduces to one cup.

Then remove herb bouquet, thicken the liquid with the browned four, add mushrooms and simmer ten minutes.

Place chicken in the sauce, heat thoroughly and serve with a parsley garnish.

To follow the pattern of 18th century meals, I suggest you serve the chicken and at the end of the meal serve a lovely disb of freshly steamed carrots—A nice taste of spring.

Looking skyward this month brings the return of Saturn at midnight mid month. While the moon will meet with Jupiter on the second of the month, the full moon is early this month, coming on the fifth.

If you have binoculars you might be able to see a close conjunction around 9 p.m. between Mars and Uranus on the March 11 with Venus nearby.

The crescent moon meets Mars on the 21st and passes Venus on March 22.

Adding joy to the sky picture, the hours of daylight by month's end will be almost 13.

Thanks for all the input you share and I truly hope this is a great week, a little softer on the cold and much closer to the warm.

Until next week, keep growing,

Ruth Vold Markle is a member of the Fort Erie Horticulture Club.

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The Northern Goshawk an 'uncommon winter visitor'

What a hawk!

The Northern Goshawk is one powerful hird.

My drawing (right) shows the large hawk ready to pounce on its favourite prey in Northern Ontario, a grouse.

The Goshawk is a heavy-hodied hawk.

It's about two feet (66 cm) in length with a wingspan 42 inches (1.1 m).

It has a dark- hlue-gray hack. Note the hlack crown and the conspicuous white eye hrow.

Earl Plato
When Nature Calls

The under part is pale gray. A strikingly handsome hawk.

The Northern Goshawk is an uncommon winter visitor from the north.

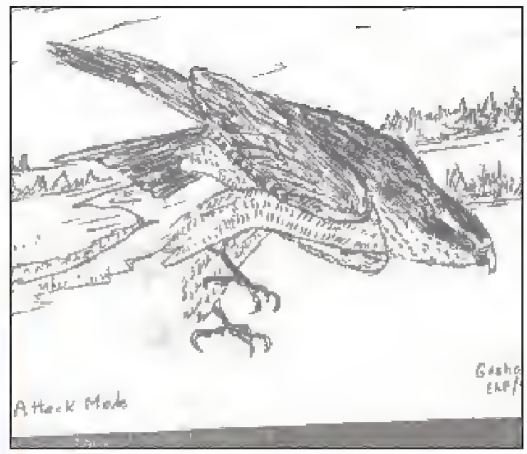
It mainly lives in coniferous forests and feeds on its rnain prey the Ruffed and Pine Grouse.

When there are periodic declines in the grouse population the Goshawk moves into Southern Ontario. Here it may end up in our deciduous forests.

The Auduhon text says, " The swift flight of a Goshawk chasing a grouse has given the hird the name " Blue Darter."

It is fearless in defence of its nest and will holdly attack anyone including humans who venture too close.

I rememher some years ago of two incidents locally reported in the St. Catharines Standard.



A drawing of a Blue Darter.

One incident was a 12 -year-old girl who was walking along a path in the woods near a Goshawk nest.

The hird attacked cutting her scalp in a sudden attack.

Later, a 70-year-old woman was struck by a Goshawk again from hehind so severely she was knocked to the ground.

She too suffered severe scalp wounds.

Nature lovers if you know about a Goshawk nest this Spring inform the area neighhours.

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In the Buffalo News/ February 27, 2015 is a startling article.

I quote, " Dozens of residents in the town of Purmerend near Amsterdam, Netherland have heen attacked by an Eagle owl with a six foot wing span.

An aggressive Eagle owl at night has attacked residents and many had to seek medical aid for some serious scalp wounds.

Residents have had to use open umhrellas to go out at night." We have the Goshawk. That's enough!

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John Teal and Keith Bailey of Fort Erie saw a few rohins last week.

Daughter, Diane O'Brien, of Port Colborne saw several at her home.

A good sign of Spring?

I hope so.

A warning reminder— Many of us enjoy the out doors. As it warms up ticks and Lyme Disease might appear.

I know that it may he unlikely hut after the walk check your hody for any ticks and hites.

A hot shower is a good idea. Signs of any tick hites see a doctor right away!.

Earl Plato is a resident of Fort Erie, local historian and nature lover.

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LET'S GROW TOGETHER

A look back at the week in Niagara

COMMUNITY

Cuvée celebrates wine industry's best

This past weekend Cuvée celebrated its 27th anniversary, the Cuvée Grand Tasting has become a hot ticket based on its reputation as an influential salute to Ontario's best VQA wines and a destination for foodies seeking a unique culinary experience – and the sold-out 2015 edition held February 27 at the Fallsview Casino Resort did not disappoint.

Organized by Brock University's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI), the Cuvée Grand Tasting is one of the largest celebrations of Ontario VQA wine, with proceeds helping fund student scholarships and research needs that are identified by the Ontario grape and wine industry.

The Grand Tasting featured 52 Ontario VQA winemakers who each poured their favourite wine as well as 13 culinary partners serving up signature dishes at live cooking stations to 700 guests. Following the tasting, a live band kicked off the Après Cuvée after party which featured Icewine and sparkling wine bars and local craft beer stations.

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Chef Justin Downes from Vineland Estates Restaurant presenting one of his signature dishes.

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The Cuvée Grand Tasting kicked off with a VQA sparkling wine VIP reception and awards ceremony.

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Ontario Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell and president and vice-chancellor of Brock University Jack Lightstone at the Cuvée Grand Tasting.

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Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery Restaurant Chef Ross Midgley preparing a tasting plate for a guest.

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The Après Cuvée after party featured Icewine and sparkling wine bars as well as local craft beers.

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Mosaik Rocks provided live entertainment at Après Cuvée.

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All of the food available at Cuvée was prepared on site by local chefs.

Got a event idea?
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WHAT'S GROWING IN NIAGARA

DOWNTOWN CHILI COOK OFF

Date: Friday March 6, Market Square, Niagara Falls

Description: Come one, come all to Market Square and taste ten samples of chili for only $10! Get your appetite ready 'cause we have some really tasty vendors lined up this year! Only through the generosity of our community, can we strive to make sure that tummies are filled, beds are kept warm, lights are kept on and shelter needs are met. Your attendance on this important afternoon will contribute directly to the many programs run out of Community Care.

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Date: Wednesday, March 11, Club Roma, St. Catharines

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Date: Friday March 6, Americana Resort, Niagara Falls

Description: Please join us for our 14th Annual International Women's Day Luncheon with guest speakers, awards, and more! Featuring a reception and silent auction with proceeds going to charity. This year's Keynote Speaker is former Mayor of Mississauga, Hazel McCallion. Receiving the International Women's Day Award will be Marilyn I. Walker.

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Overpass issue a detour for Canadian Motor Speedway

Tony Ricciuto,
QMI Agency Niagara

For the $400-million Canadian Motor Speedway to keep moving forward changes need to be made at QEW-Bowen Rd. interchange.

"That overpass at Bowen Rd., does need to be upgraded," said CMS spokesman Erik Tomas. "But because it's going to be the main access and egress point to the speedway development, meetings are being conducted with the Ministry of Transportation to determine what has to go there, and whether that will be a two or four-lane design."

Tomas said the track has spent a large sum of money on traffic studies, and even though there will be about 60,000 people in the stands initially for auto-racing events, it might not be necessarily to have an expensive four-lane interchange.

The track might be able to do it with two lanes.

"The process moves at the speed the province says and not necessarily what we might want," said Tomas. "Despite the fact that this thing keeps moving in terms of a goal line and in terms of completion, right now they hope to have the project done in 2017."

The centrepiece for the massive track complex is a Jeff Gordon-designed signature speedway. Gordon is a four-time NASCAR Sprint Cup champion and he has announced that 2015 will be his 23rd and final full-time season of competition. He is one of the most celebrated NASCAR drivers in history.

"The investors are not losing sight of their goal and they are determined to build this," said Tomas. "Jeff Gordon is involved with the design of the oval portion of the complex and has fully committed to the project. The town is behind it, the Region is behind it and the Ministry of Tourism in Queen's Park is certainly behind it and right now we are just trying to move it through the process of the Ministry of Transportation and the province of Ontario."

Tom Kuchyt, Fort Erie's interim chief administrative officer, said the project is going well and the municipality is excited about wbat is taking place.

"They have hired consultants. One is working on a site plan and they have another consultant that is working on the traffic issues," said Kuchyt. "In particular, they are preparing a traffic management plan and that is one of the requests from the MTO. As a result of that plan and what it might state or recommends, then we will be able to move forward with the interchange works."

The town has also made an application for money for the external infrastructure work, the sanitary sewer and the watermain, and it hopes to have an answer before the end of the month beginning sometime before mid-March.

"If successful, the province will make a recommendation to the federal government suggesting that this project make it through the funding and then we would receive funding for that work," said Kuchyt.

A site plan is expected to be submitted within the next four weeks.

"People don't see much happening on site, but a ton of stuff is happening in the background," he said. "Jeff Gordon is still on board, so it's all good news. We just need to get the word out there that things are moving along."

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Council asked to help preserve historic locomotive

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Members of the Fort Erie Historical Railway Association want to see the Canadian National Locomotive 6218 restored to its former glory.

Mary McLelland-Papp, who founded the association, asked council last Monday to make a commitment to help preserve the historical locomotive that was built in 1942.

"As you know, 6218 is sadly displayed at the Fort Erie Historical Museum," McLelland-Papp said told councillors during last Monday night's council meeting.

"This famous steam engine is intended to be a symbol of Fort Erie's significant railway heritage and is a tribute to the citizens who built Fort Erie into the third largest railway centre in Canada."

In 1973, the council of the day unanimously passed a resolution to ensure the locomotive, which was donated to the Town of Fort Erie, "would be displayed in a dignified way."

"I'm looking to this council to honour that commitment," McLelland-Papp said.

CN 6218 has "been allowed to deteriorate to a state where it is no longer a proud monument to Fort Erie History."

McLelland-Papp asked council to consider making an annual contribution to the CN reserve fund, assist in the development of a new restoration strategy and seek grants to fund the restoration project.

According to McLelland-Papp, a committee was charged with the task of developing a strategic plan to preserve the historic locomotive. That strategic plan was adopted by council in 2010. McLelland-Papp said no repairs were made to the locomotive as a result of the strategic plan, which is "now out of date."

McLelland-Papp said council also did not take advantage of government funding opportunities including an artifact and restoration grant which expired last year.

Council established a $50,000 reserve fund for the restoration of the locomotive in 2011 and an additional $50,000 was put into the fund in 2012.

However, council "did not continue to add to this fund in subsequent years as anticipated," McLelland-Papp said.

The goal of the Fort Erie Historical Railway Association—which was formed in 2010—is to raise awareness for the condition of the locomotive as well as to raise funds to repair it.

To date, the association has raised $9,000 to repair the locomotive and a donor has committed "$2,000 when restoration repairs are underway."

"The biggest obstacle (for the association) is that people do not see the engine receiving any care or ongoing maintenance nor have they heard much concern expressed from council," McLelland-Papp said.

"They wonder why and it makes them reluctant to donate."

She encouraged council to "recognize the locomotive as a valuable asset" to Fort Erie that would attract visitors.

Mayor Wayne Redekop thanked McLelland-Papp for her presentation and asked what the estimated cost is to restore the locomotive is.

McLelland-Papp said the Fort Erie Historical Railway Museum has an estimate of $450,000, which includes "a complete stripping down of the locomotive."

For more information about CN 6218 visit www.friendsof6218.ca.

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Bowl for kids' sake

Grab your boots and don't forget to wear your cowboy hat.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Niagara is hosting a Country and Western affair during its biggest fundraiser of the year.

Last Monday, executive director Barb Van Der Heyden invited Mayor Wayne Redekop and Fort Erie councillors to participate in the annual Tim Hortons Bowl for Kids' Sake event on March 8 and 14 at Caroll's Bowling Lanes, 7 Klauck St. in Fort Erie.

To register your team or for more information, visit www.bbbsinniagara.ca or call 905-735-0570 ext. 221.

Patriotic challenge

The Stevensville Kinettes are issuing a challenge to Niagara residents to show their patriotism.

Last week, Stevensville Kinettes president Martha Lockwood asked the Town of Fort Erie to partner with the service organization to encourage Fort Erie residents to display flags on their property during the Canada Day weekend.

Every year, the City of Thorold has "a big push for Canada Day to put flags all over their area," Lockwood said.

This year, the Kinettes would like to challenge, not only Fort Erie residents, but all Niagara residents to "get their flags out."

Lockwood asked that staff make a registration form available on the Town's web site to monitor the number of participants in the flag challenge.

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Ward	Poll	Location	Address
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Garrison Road students take a stand against bullying

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

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Students and staff wore pink on Friday and participated in songs, dance and other activities to raise awareness and put an end to bullying.

Sticks and stones may break a child's bones but calling him or her names can hurt just as much.

That's why students at Garrison Road Public School are encouraging their classmates, their teachers and their families to stand up and say no to bullying.

Students across Canada celebrated Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday by wearing pink T-Shirts to school. Pink Shirt Day began in 2007 after two students gave away 50 pink shirts to fellow students after learning about a student who was bullied because he wore a pink shirt to school.

The elementary school's Stand Up Committee, which consists of more than 40 students, organized an assembly Friday that featured songs and dances with an anti-bullying message.

Garrison Road students don't celebrate Pink Shirt Day once a year. They honour it every day.

"It's not usually this big, but we do this at the end of every month (host an assembly), not just on Pink Shirt Day," said Kayla Jobst, a Grade 8 student and Stand Up Committee member.

"Our committee has a number of groups because there are so many of us. Each group works on something different. We have a group for music, a group for videos and we all work together to organize each assembly"

At the end of each month, teachers also honour a student from each grade with "The Awesome Award." The award is given to students who are kind, have a positive attitude and think of others before they think of themselves.

"Although Pink Shirt Day was Wednesday, we knew we wanted to celebrate today (Friday)," said fellow Grade 8 and committee member Hannah Walpole.

"We wanted to celebrate everyone and we wanted to do something different."

At the end of Friday's assembly, the Stand Up Committee invited classmates to stand up and work together to bounce balls in the air. The goal of the activity was to keep the balls in the air as long as possible to symbolize inclusion.

According to Walpole, "it's impossible to find someone who hasn't been bullied."

"Sometimes, kids are cruel and they will pick on you for every little thing."

Since the creation of the Stand Up Committee two years ago, Walpole said there is "a huge difference" at Garrison Road.

"Bullying is a big issue and I think kids are starting to take notice."

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St. George students knit scarves and hats for people in need

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

St. George Catholic Elementary School students are making a difference one stitch at a time.

For the past few months, the Grade 6 students at St. George have been knitting scarves, hats and headbands as part of a class project.

"We've made most of them in class and the students even took them home to work on and their families helped them," Cindy Atkins said.

Atkins, a parent volunteer, gave her time to teach the Grade 6 class how to knit.

"Some of the students have a knitting background so we split them into groups and they helped other students learn how to knit."

The students tried their best to knit with needles but "that didn't work for everyone," so they researched other alternatives and learned how to finger knit and crochet, Atkins said.

The idea for the knitting project developed from a student's drawing called 'Spread the Love.'

Once they were finished knitting, the students designed six logos and the class voted on one of the designs that became a slogan for the class project—'Spread the Love, One Heart At A Time."

Labels were sewn on the scarves which are now ready to be given away to people in need. The students also wrote a song to tell others about their project and the idea behind "spreading the love."

Atkins said the students made about 43 items which will be delivered to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank this week where volunteers will distribute them to the people who need them the most.

Shortly after the students began the project, they heard about two fallen soldiers who were killed in a pair of terrorist attacks last October.

The Grade 6 class will be sending handmade items to the families of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, who was killed while standing guard at the National War Monument on Oct. 22 in Ottawa, and Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent, who was killed in a terrorist attack two days earlier Quebec.

SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

The Grade 6 class at St. George's Catholic Elementary School spent the last few months knitting scarves, hats, and headbands which were donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank. The class also sent items to the families of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo and Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent who were killed in a pair of terrorist attacks in October.

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We're extremely proud of the contributions volunteers make to our community. We all know many of these often unsung heroes who add so much to the quality of life in Greater Fort Erie - let's put their names forward for official recognition by the The Fort Erie Time's and its Readers and the Citizens of Greater Fort Erie in a special section in the Fort Erie Times. Simply complete the nomination form, submitting the volunteer's name in one of the following categories:

1. Work with Seniors
2. Work with Youth
3. Historical Contribution
4. Cultural (Arts, Music, etc.)
5. Protecting the Environment
6. Education
7. Sports and Recreation
8. Working with those "in need"
9. Service Clubs
10. Working with those with Special Needs
11. Volunteers under 21
12. Community Events
13. Working with Animals

In addition to the 13 categories listed, if you wish to submit a new category for recognition please submit the category and we will give it consideration to be added to the list. All names submitted must include a letter of supporting information stating why your nominee should win. Nominations will be gathered by the Fort Erie Times to be forwarded to the selection committee. One volunteer in each category will be selected to be honoured by the the Fort Erie Times at a special ceremony and will be profiled in the Fort Erie times.

Volunteer Recognition Awards Nomination Form

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Sherry was a clinical psychotherapist with the Niagara Health System for 16 years, attached to the Children's Mental Health Unit dealing with children and youth with acute mental health challenges. During most of this time she was also the region's children and youth sexual abuse and trauma counsellor. During her last three years with NHS she also worked in a Community Counselling office with adults suffering from a variety of problems such as depression, anxiety, marital and family problems. Sherry has been in private practice for over 7 years after leaving NHS.

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1908

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1909

In accordance with a declaration by the Socialist Party of America, the first National Woman's Day (NWD) was observed across the United States on 28 February. Women continued to celebrate NWD on the last Sunday of February until 1913.

1910

In 1910 a second International Conference of Working Women was held in Copenhagen. A woman named a **Clara Zetkin** (Leader of the 'Women's Office' for the Social Democratic Party in Germany) tabled the idea of an International Women's Day. She proposed that every year in every country there should be a celebration on the same day - *a Women's Day* - to press for their demands. The conference of over 100 women from 17 countries, representing unions, socialist parties, working women's clubs, and including the first three women elected to the Finnish parliament, greeted Zetkin's suggestion with unanimous approval and thus International Women's Day was the result.

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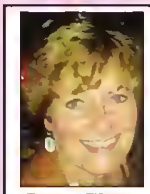

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Serving as Vice-President of the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce demonstrates Marina's a belief in giving back to the community. Aside from her duties with the chamber, Marina donates her time to support companies to create local investment and employment opportunities, sponsors families in need every year, educational funds through bursaries and is a proud supporter of Women's Place Niagara.

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1911

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1913-1914

On the eve of World War I campaigning for peace, Russian women observed their first International Women's Day on the last Sunday in February 1913. In 1913 following discussions, International Women's Day was transferred to 8 March and this day has remained the global date for International Women's Day ever since. In 1914 further women across Europe held rallies to campaign against the war and to express women's solidarity.

1917

On the last Sunday of February, Russian women began a strike for "bread and peace" in response to the death over 2 million Russian soldiers in war. Opposed by political leaders the women continued to strike until four days later the Czar was forced to abdicate and the provisional Government granted women the right to vote. The date the women's strike commenced was Sunday 23 February on the Julian calendar then in use in Russia. This day on the Gregorian calendar in use elsewhere was 8 March.

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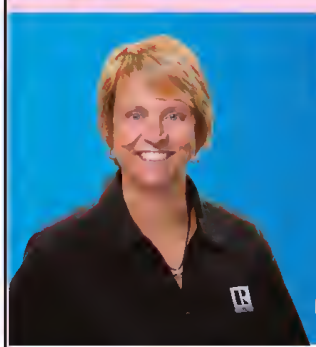

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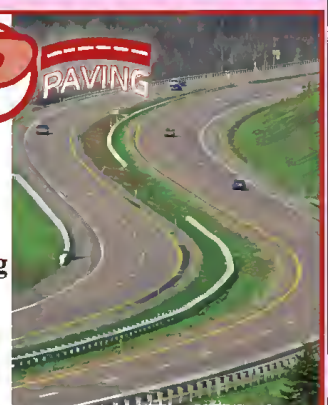

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Barbara Hopkins

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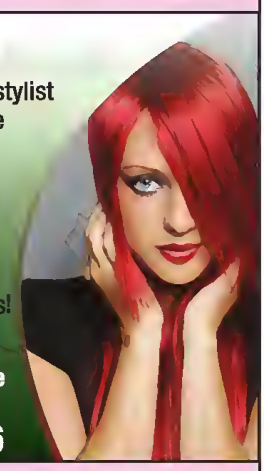

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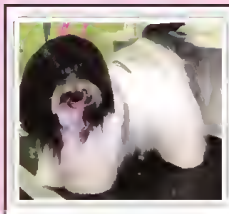

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Annually on 8 March, thousands of events are held throughout the world to inspire women and celebrate achievements. A global web of rich and diverse local activity connects women from all around the world ranging from political rallies, business conferences, government activities and networking events through to local women's craft markets, theatric performances, fashion parades and more.

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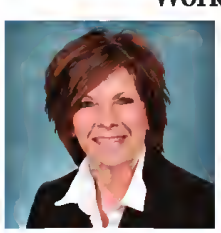

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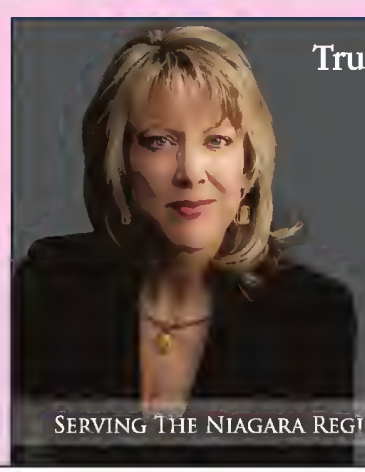

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Councillors opt not to have integrity commish

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Some thought he was a waste of money. Others thought he was good value. But at the end of the day Thursday, Niagara Region no longer had an integrity commissioner to provide oversight of councillors.

After lengthy debate, regional councillors voted 17-11 to do away with the services of an integrity commissioner.

Niagara Falls regional Coun. Bob Gale said he felt the services of an integrity commissioner were a waste of money long before he was elected in October. He said the integrity commissioner was nothing more than a tool of attack against St. Catharines regional Coun. Andy Petrowski.

"We know why this integrity commissioner was here, let's not lie about it. But I'm proud to sit beside Coun. Petrowski. I find him very smart. I find he's got everything going in the way of politics. He's nurtured me along.... But he wears his passion on his sleeve. He's very loud, as you can tell. The way he talks to some of the staff, at times I disagree with. But if I went into a battle, I'd want him beside me."

Gale said any issues of conduct that arise can be properly handled by the regional chair. Failing that, Gale said Ontario Ombudsman Andre Marin, who is slated to be given oversight of municipal governments, assured him in an e-mail he would step into the breach.

Niagara Falls regional Coun. Selina Volpatti, who was the subject of a complaint to the integrity commissioner, which was dismissed, said hiring one now would be redundant because of the extended reach of the ombudsman.

Welland regional Coun. Paul Grenier said it was important to keep on retainer an integrity commissioner, albeit with altered guidelines. Guidelines that extend beyond simply enforcing the Region's code of conduct to include conflict of interest rules.

"The code of conduct should be a minor part.... Our behaviour in public settings and to each other really isn't the main reason we have this," Grenier said. "The purpose of an integrity commissioner should be this — the primary purpose should be communicating to the public it is a method for the citizens of Niagara to hold us to account. It is an inexpensive and proper way for them to actually hold us to a higher standard."

The integrity commissioner billed the Region approximately $24,000 in 2014.

Niagara-on-the-Lake regional Coun. Gary Burroughs, who was chair of the last term of council, said he was privy to complaints other than those filed against Petrowski.

"I had some experience, having been chair during the time of the integrity commissioners ... we had two who did other things then deal with Coun. Petrowski — other councillors. Issues were resolved with staff, and nobody heard about them. And nobody should hear about them. I think we're taking it all very casually that, Oh, it's all about Andy. No it isn't."

Burroughs went on to read from a column by Brock University professor David Siegel, who wrote it would be "awkward for councillors to investigate and sanction their colleagues. And it would be inappropriate for staff members to investigate their political masters."

Burroughs said having an integrity commissioner improved relations between staff and council.

"I think the system is right, I think it needs tweaking," Burroughs said.

Port Colborne regional Coun. David Barrick said he was against hiring an integrity commissioner from the onset.

"My suggestion at the time when this came about was the integrity commissioner role would be used as a political weapon," Barrick said. "It would be used as a witch hunt. Certain people would be targeted, and quite frankly, it's proven itself to be true, at least in my view."

For Niagara Falls regional Coun. Bart Maves it's simple.

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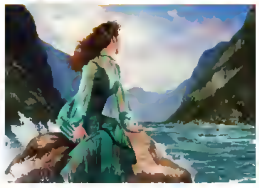
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St. Joseph students eat lunches with lights out

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"In the past we have grown organic gardens, we have had a Ban the Bottle campaign, installed hydration stations, and this year we are learning how to compost and then use the organic waste in our gardens."

The school has taken 21st century technology and turned the language into an eco-friendly activity.

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15	16 **Mystic Drumz** 10:30 AM—CEN 2:00 PM—CR **Penguins of Madagascar*** 2:30 PM—CEN **Hunger Games*** 6:00 PM—CEN	17 **Babysitting** 9:30 AM—CR **Night at Museum: secrets of tomb*** 2:30 PM—CEN **Catching Fire*** 6:00 PM—CEN **Knitting** 6:30 PM—CEN **Wordly Reader** 7:00 PM—CEN	18 **Reptile Kingdom** 10:30 AM—CEN 2:00 PM—CR **Penguins of Madagascar*** 2:30 PM—CEN **St. Patrick's Music** 7:00 PM—STV Hall	19 **Night at Museum: secrets of tomb*** 2:30 PM—CEN **Mockingjay, part 1*** 6:30 PM—CEN **Knitting** 6:30 PM—CR	20 **Home Alone** 1:00 PM—CEN	21 **Super Smash Bros Wii U Tournament** 10:15 AM—CEN **Hobbit: battle of five armies*** 1:00 PM—CEN
22	23 **Family Time** 10:30 AM—CEN	24 **Mockingjay, part 1*** 2:00 PM—CR **Knitting** 6:30 PM—CEN	25 **Chautauqua** 7:00 PM—CEN	26 **St. Vincent*** 6:30 PM—CEN **Knitting** 6:30 PM—CR	27	28 **Tax Clinic** 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM—CEN
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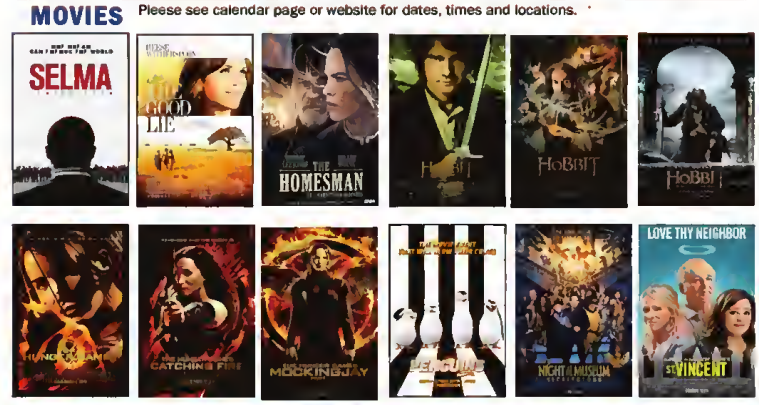
MARCH BREAK is HAPPENIN'!

It might be frozen solid outside, but things are shakin' at the library for March Break! Went to get the rhythm of the beat? Check out Mystic Drumz at Centennial and Crystal Ridge on Monday March 16. The Reptile Kingdom is bringing their Amazon Rainforest Show to the Crystal Ridge and Centennial branches on Wednesday March 18, with real iguanas, snakes and more! St. John Ambulance will return to present their two popular training courses for youth – What Every Babysitter Should Know at the Crystal Ridge branch on Tuesday March 17 and Home Alone at the Centennial branch on Friday March 20. Videogames more your style? The Super Smash Brothers WiiU tournament at Centennial on Saturday March 21 might be for you. Prefer to get your hands moving by making things? The Silhouette Art on Tuesday March 17 at the Centennial branch or a Pete the Cat Party at Crystal Ridge on Thursday, March 19 might be your choice. Pot of Gold Bedtime Stories at Crystal Ridge on Monday, March 16 and a Stuffed Animal Sleepover at Stevensville on Wednesday, March 18 will calm things down a bit. Looking for something to do at your own pace? Library Bingo, Where's Waldo Scavenger Hunt and a Guess the Characters game are happening all week at every branch. Prizes for all. To round out the week, there are movies at the Centennial branch each afternoon and evening, including the Hunger Games series. Full details are available on our website www.fepl.ca

MOVIES

Please see calendar page or website for dates, times and locations.



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MAR 4 • 6:30 PM • CEN

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Amanda Bouchard of On the Mat Yoga will visit to talk about the benefits of yoga for your mind, body and soul...for everyBODY. Every pose can be as simple or as difficult as the individual needs. Participants are welcome to join in, or sit back and observe. Amanda will provide any necessary equipment. Free.

MAR 11 • 7:00 PM • CEN

SPECULATIVE FICTION

Are you into Neil Gaiman? Or Ray Bradbury, Max Brooks or Joe Hill? If this is you, be sure to come to our Speculative Fiction Cafe and enjoy some lively discussion with other readers of science fiction, fantasy and dark literature. Free.

MAR 12 • 7:00 PM • CR

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MAR 17 • 7:00 PM • CEN

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MAR 16 • 7:00 PM • STV Hall

CHAUTAUQUA: IN OUR OWN BACKYARD

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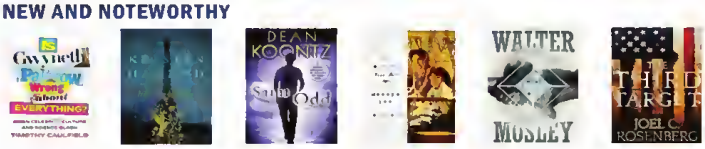
MAR 25 • 7:00 PM • CEN

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY



INCOME TAX TIME!

Tax preparation help is available by appointment if your income is below $30,000 for singles or $40,000 for couples and your tax situation is simple.

The trained volunteers of the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program of Canada Revenue offer their time and talent to help others in this worthwhile cause.

Clinics will be held at the Centennial and Crystal Ridge branches in March and April. Ask at either branch for more information or to make an appointment.

MARCH BREAK AT YOUR LIBRARY

MYSTIC DRUMZ

"The Button People" take "Larry the Frog" and "Sleppy the Dolphin" deep below the enchanted sea to find the fabled Buttonville metropolis and the amazing button people. Featured instruments include Trinidad's Steel Pan, Cuban Bongos, Spanish Castanets and European Xylophones to mention a few. All ages. Tickets $2.

MAR 16 • 10:30 AM • CENTENNIAL
MAR 16 • 2:00 PM • CRYSTAL RIDGE

POT OF GOLD BEDTIME STORIES

St. Patrick's day is coming! Join us for a fun night of bedtime stories and an Irish lucky craft. All ages. Parental participation required for children under the age of 6. $2 per child, $5 per family.

MAR 16 • 6:00 PM • CRYSTAL RIDGE

WHAT EVERY BABYSITTER SHOULD KNOW

Course created for the 11-14 year old age group and presented by St. John Ambulance, designed to teach babysitting, leadership and first aid skills. Participants learn to care for infants, toddlers, school-aged children and themselves. $40 course fee, pre-registration required; call 905-356-7340. Space limited to 18 participants.

MAR 17 • 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM • CRYSTAL RIDGE

SILHOUETTE ART

Create a unique piece of art using mixed media techniques and your very own shadow! Pre-registration required. All ages. Parental participation required for children under the age of 6. $2.

MAR 17 • 10:30 AM • CENTENNIAL

GREEN & GOLD CELEBRATION

Today is the day to wear your green and hunt for the gold! Where will the rainbow take us? Pre-Registration required. All ages. Parental participation required for children under the age of 6. $2.

MAR 17 • 2:30 PM • STEVENSVILLE

REPTILE KINGDOM

South America's Amazon Rainforest Show takes a look at the bio-diversity of rainforests and the animals within them, focusing mainly on South America's Amazon Rainforest. We will display beautiful animals such as a Red Eye Tree Frog, yellow and green anacondas, tarantulas and scorpions, giant toads, green iguanas and a Dwarf Caiman too. All ages. Tickets $2.

MAR16 • 10:30 AM • CENTENNIAL
MAR 16 • 2:00 PM • CRYSTAL RIDGE

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Bring your stuffed animal for a sleepover! After a bedtime storytime and craft, we'll tuck the animals in while the children go home to their beds. Do the stuffed animals have a night-life? We'll find out with our secret cameras! Pre-registration requested. $2.

MAR 16 • 6:00 PM • STEVENSVILLE
MAR 19 • 6:00 PM • CENTENNIAL

PETE THE CAT PARTY

Pete the Cat sure is groovy! Join us for some groovy stories and groovy crafts ... and lots of groovy fun! Pre-Registration. All ages. Parental participation required for children under the age of 6. $2.

MAR 19 • 2:30 PM • CRYSTAL RIDGE

KNITTING

MAR 16 • 6:30 PM • CRYSTAL RIDGE

HOME ALONE COURSE

Safety, first aid and comfort skills are covered in this course through interactive games and role playing. Pre-Registration is required, and may be made by calling 905-356-7340. Course fee of $30 to be arranged with SJA at time of registration. Space is limited to 18 participants. For youth ages 8 and up.

MAR 20 • 1:00 - 4:00 PM • CENTENNIAL

WII U SMASH BROTHERS TOURNAMENT

Join us to see who the top Smasher is! Pre-Registration requested. Bracketing starts at 10:15 a.m. Ages 8 and up. Free.

MAR 21 • 10:15 AM—12:45 PM • CENTENNIAL

Happy birthday

TRACEY CALDER ROSETTANI
Special to The Times

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Students and staff at Ridgeway Public School wore fun hats Friday during Crazy Hat Day. For a $2 donation to the Education Foundation of Niagara, students and staff were able wear the creative hats they made. The EFN provides funding for school programming when other funding isn't available. (top right) Fae Harris donned a lamp shade, (middle, right) Brayden Jones wore a pirate hat and (bottom, right) Emerson Casali wore a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Hat.

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Making math fun for children

Annie Pasquariello
Special to The Times

For many students and parents alike, math does not equal fun, but a new initiative at Ridgeway Public School is helping change that equation.

On Feb. 24 a family math night was held at the school for parents and students to showcase how math is used daily and how to make it fun.

Lisa Stratton, learning resource teacher, says the night is a way to get parents and kids involved in something fun.

"This demonstrates for parents that math is part of everyday life and it goes way beyond paper and pencil," she says.

Students were given a math night passport to fill out for each activity they completed. Some of the activities included height measurement, card games, a learning carpet and the Dreambox computer program in the lab.

Sherry Storrey, principal at Ridgeway Public, says the feedback has been positive for the event and for a previous night that was held with a guest speaker.

"The students are loving it and it is a way for parents understand how math is being taught. This will help support them at home," Storrey says.

The night was made possible by a Parent Reaching Out Grant through the Ministry of Education which the school's council applied for. According to the Ministry of Education, Ontario's Parents Reaching Out grants encourage parent engagement at the local, regional and provincial levels. They are designed to support parents in identifying barriers to parent engagement in their own community and to find local solutions to involve more parents in support of student achievement and well-being.

ANNIE PASQUARIELLO
Special to The Times

Junior Kindergarten student Kennedy Jenkins and her mom Ashley Jenkins participating in the "Measure Me!" activity at Ridgeway Public's family math night on Feb. 24.

A birthday gift for COPE

Special to The Times

Teo Ordinario celebrated his ninth birthday with 10 of his friends on Feb. 7. Instead of presents, Teo asked his friends to bring a donation to the local Community Outreach Program Erie. Some friends donated canned goods and food items and others donated cash. There was a total of $90 and many bags of food from his friends. Also, instead of loot bags for his guests, Teo decided to make an additional cash donation, donating what he would have spent on the items.

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Community shows their support

JOSEPH BURD Special to The Times

The community was invited to a fundraiser Saturday at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre to assist Ridgeway residents Amanda and Jeff Wilson who are seeking expensive treatment in the U.S. for Lyme Disease. Beside them (left) is their son Jacob.

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New leash on life for Niagara police dog

Dan Dakin
QMI Agency Niagara

To look at Kali now, you would never guess she was given a death sentence and rescued with only hours to live.

Unwanted by the family that owned her, a humane society in Toronto couldn't find a suitable home for the energetic Belgian malinois and planned to put her down.

But in a last-ditch effort to save her, the shelter contacted a Niagara-on-the-Lake dog rescuer, who took Kali in and then recommended her for service to the Niagara Regional Police canine unit.

The NRP was already in the midst of trying to find a new explosives-detection dog for soon-to-be retired Police Service Dog (PSD) Elsie. Two-year-old Kali had exactly the traits the canine unit was looking for.

"(The rescuer) took her in not thinking this could be a future police dog. We almost picked another dog, and then she said 'look at this one,'" said NRP Const. Rob Kroon, who was picked to be Kali's partner.

"Some dogs aren't made to be police dogs. Their drive has to be through the roof. The only thing they do it for is their toy. It's almost beyond motivation. All dogs have that prey drive, but a police dog has to be above and beyond that. They want to go and go and go," he said.

NRP Sgt. Scott Johnstone, who heads up the canine unit, said German shepherd and Belgian malinois breeds are ideal because of their versatility.

"The reason we use them is that, like a decathlete, they can do a number of things very well. They don't specialize in one area," he said. "These dogs have a high desire to please, so they're very loyal and they love to work. They thrive on working and then getting the toy and praise."

Kroon has worked in the canine unit for two and a half years with PSD K, a drug-sniffing Belgian malinois.

He's now working with both dogs, who will live with his family and their three pet dogs in Fort Erie. The two police dogs are considered workers, however, so they're kept at a distance from the kids and other dogs, which keeps them from getting to domesticated. It's the same reason police typically don't let the general public pet the service dogs.

"You want to socialize them, but it's a balance. If you socialize them too much, they become a pet," Kroon said.

Since getting Kali on Nov. 6, 2014, Kroon has been training his new recruit to sniff out explosives.

"The only thing she's going to know is explosives detection," he said.

Unlike drug-sniffing dogs, which scratch on a surface they think may contain narcotics, bomb dogs are taught to immediately sit down when they identify the scent from a suspicious package.

"You obviously don't want them to scratch at it. With explosive dogs we call it a passive indication," Kroon said.

Kali is expected to be certified in the next couple of weeks and will then be put into service. One of the big assignments this year will be in the summer when security is ramped up for Pan Am Games events being held in Welland and St. Catharines.

Kroon is able to have two PSDs because they serve two different roles: K for tracking and narcotics detection, and Kali for explosives work.

They both travel with Kroon in his marked police truck anytime he's working.

"They get along well," he said.

When they're not on active calls, they're constantly training.

"The training never stops. The more training you have, the better," he said.

Ultimately, Kali's ability to sniff out explosives all comes down to her wanting to play.

"The only reason she does it is to get that ball," said Kroon. "She doesn't know she's smelling C4 or smokeless powder or TNT. But she smells it knowing if she sits, she gets her ball. It's all association."

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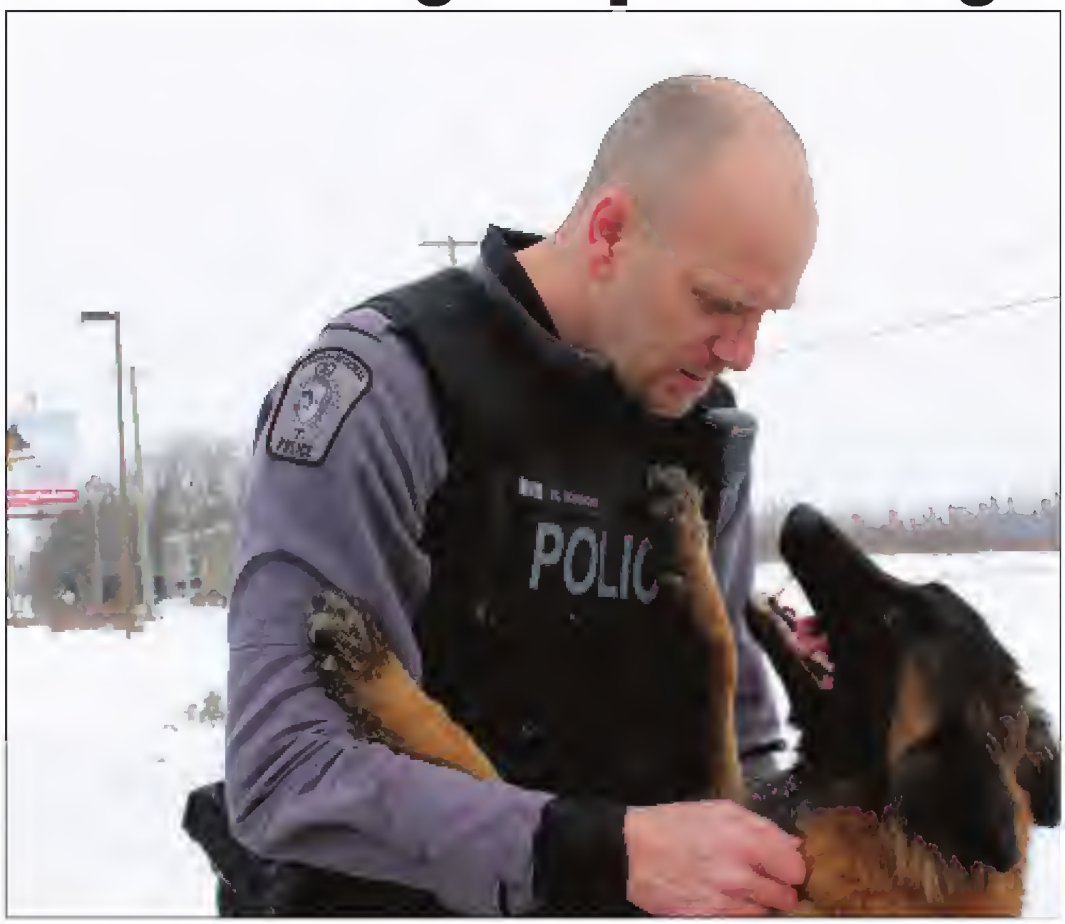

DAN DAKIN QMI Agency Niagara

Niagara Regional Police Const. Rob Kroon works with Kali, a two-year-old Belgian malinois who is being trained as the service's newest explosives detection dog. Kali was slated to be put down before she was recruited by the NRP.

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Peewee champions

JULIE HALEY Special to The Times

In February, the Fort Erie Meteors Peewee AE minor hockey team won the Pittsburgh Presidents Cup Tournament. The team won all of their games against teams from Pennsylvania, Ohio and Virginia. The team's Defensive play was strong and netminders Rich Young and Ethan Sawyer only allowed four goals between the pipes during the tournament. Molly Devereux scored the overtime goal to beat the Reston, Virginia Raiders 2-1 in the championship game.

From left are (front row) Rich Young, Christian Swayze, Tyson Richer, Molly Devereux, Ethan Sawyer, Brock Bruneau, Kevin Haley (second row) Coach Jeff Bruneau, Alex Pikel, Jack Sutherland, Jaxon Burd, Derek Cotton, Coach Rod Sawyer, Taylor Korten, Jake Sandel, Zane Gilmour, Jordyn Rowling and trainer Austin Broad.

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Members of the Crystal Ridge Skating Club competed in January at the Charles Dover Invitational in Grimsby. From left, Cora Ann McKinnon won Star 5 Silver, Christy Engemen won Star 3 Siver, Ashley Backshall won Star 4 Silver, Shelby Burnison won Star 2 Silver, Karli Flake won Interpretative Silver and Star 3 Silver and Skye Martin won Star 2 Gold. Crystal Ridge Skating Club is very proud of its skaters' accomplishments.

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Meteors defeat Canadians in Game 3

Cathy McCabe
Special to The Times

It was a heart-pounding night at the Leisureplex on Monday when the Fort Erie Meteors defeated the Welland Canadians in game three of the playoffs.

Fort Erie won 7-6 in a game that Head Coach Rob Hubbert described as "a nail-biter."

As of Tuesday, Welland led the best-of-seven series two games to one.

"I thought our guys were tenacious on the puck. DeMarco did a great job," he said.

"It is what it is. We had to win this game. It was our game seven. What a gutsy effort by our guys. Our guys just battled right through the whole game."

He said the team needed to stay focused.

"It's all about the Fort Erie Meteors. We can't think about anyone other than the Fort Erie Meteors."

"For us, we haven't scored seven goals in, I think, three games and we score seven tonight. Congratulations to our guys. I thought they did a great job."

Cameron Aitken opened the scoring for Welland with a power-play goal at 10:36 in the first.

The Meteors' Declan Conway tied the game 30 seconds later.

Fort Erie took the lead with a power-play goal by Anthony Passero at 15:16, but Welland's Josh Allan tied the game less than a minute and a half later.

The Meteors' Jared Marino scored four minutes into the second period.

Then Dakota Miskolczi added to their lead at 7:32.

The Canadians changed goalies, but that didn't stop Vito Scaringi from scoring at 10:01.

Welland's JC Thivierge scored a power-play goal at 13:33, but Fort Erie's Dan Defranco answered back with a power-play goal of his own at 15:04.

Canadians' Jake Shaw scored at 17:05 to shorten the gap between the two teams.

The Canadians came out swinging in the third period with a goal by Brayden Stortz less than two minutes in.

Richard DeMarco increased Fort Erie's lead at 9:50.

Canadians' Cole McKnight's goal at 17:58 wasn't enough to keep Welland in the game.

Welland's Chris Janzen saved 12 of 16 shots on goal and Hunter Johnson saved eight of 11 after taking over. Fort Erie's Liam Conway saved 32 of 38 shots.

Welland incurred 22 minutes in the penalty box on seven infractions while Fort Erie incurred 14 minutes on seven infractions.

The final game of the series is set to take place Saturday at the the Fort Erie Leisureplex at 7:15 p.m. Check www.fort-erietimes.ca for the latest game information.

CATHY MCCABE Special to The Times
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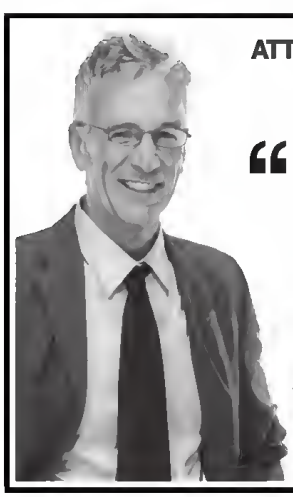

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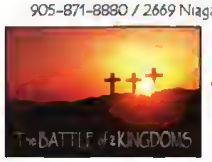

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Obituaries

KINGSTON, Kathryn L. (nee Wilby) - Kathryn passed away at the Crescent Park Lodge on Friday February 27th, 2015 at the age of 88. Loving wife of the late George. Proud mother of George (Sharon) Kingston, Teresa (Jean-Philippe) Chounet and Susan Kingston. Cherished grandmother of Darryl, Jean-Marc, Christopher, Patrick, Lauren, Luis and Samuel. Beloved greet grandmother of Michael. Sadly missed by her sister Ann Ochs and sister in law of Jane Wilby, Helen Wilby, Renate and Tom (Mary) Kingston and her many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by daughters Patricia and Bridget, brothers John "Bill", Thomas, Glennon and James as well as sister in law Shirley. Kathryn was e charter member of the C.W.L. and worked as a Union Printer. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Monday March 2nd, from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Parish prayers in the funeral home on Monday at 3:30. Interment to follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Victory Junction Camp, Randleman North Carolina would be appreciated by the family.

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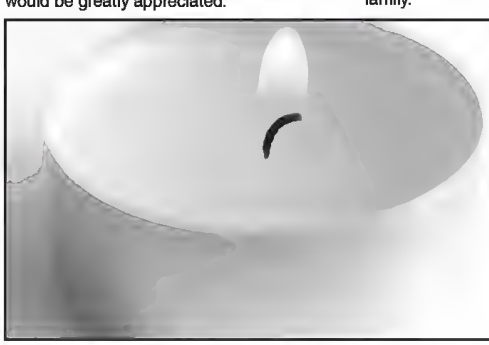

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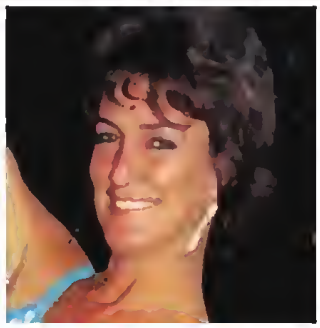

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In loving memory of an ever so loved husband and father (4 kids, 9 grandkids, 6 great grandkids). We all miss you so. It is 7 years since the Lord called you home. We had 57 years together. Life is lonely without you. We do not wish you back, for we all know you are in a better place, and that you are at peace, that you have that peace that passes all understanding. You will always be in our hearts.
Your wife Marion, kids Cerol, Duane, Patricia and Lauri.

Patsy Sumbler
In loving memory of a dear wife, who passed away March 9, 2013

Her loving face I hope to see again,
Though the days have passed away;
Sleep on dear wife, and take your rest
They miss you most who loved you best.

Love Gerry

Debbi (McPhee) Pereira
1966 - 2006

Your death left a heartache
That no one could heal.
But love leaves a memory
That no one can steal.

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MARCH 7, 2015

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  Co-Host Drum: Little Creek
- Grand Entry at Noon
  - Smoke Dance Special
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  - Pow Wow Foods
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